

**DEMOCRATS OF THE MORONGO BASIN  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
DECEMBER 12, 2020  
MINUTES**



The meeting was called to order by President Johnny Tolbert at 10:08 a.m. via ZOOM.

We shared the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA:** It was moved by Matthew Campos and seconded by Deborah Dunaway that the Agenda be approved as distributed. The motion passed.

**MINUTES:** It was moved by Matthew Campos and seconded by Rich Mettling that the minutes of the November meeting be approved as written. The motion passed.

**TREASURER:** Yolanda Brown reported that the club has \$1557.25 in the account. We also have \$70 in our Good Trouble fund.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** First Vice President Dianne Greenhouse, chair of the nominating committee reported on the committee. President Tolbert appointed Debra Savitt, Rich Mettling and Matthew Campos to serve on the committee. Because it has been very difficult to gather as a club this year and our zoom meetings, while monthly, do not offer the connections in person meetings allow the Nominating committee is requesting we suspend the bylaws and elect the current slate of board officers for a one year term. Next fall we will appoint a nominating committee and elect a new slate for a one year term. In 2023 we will return to the schedule outlined in our bylaws.

Dianne Greenhouse moved and Yolanda Brown seconded the following motion:

We move that the current board, whose terms expire at the February, 2021 meeting, be reelected for a one-year term. In October of 2021 the President will appoint a nominating committee. That committee will present a slate. The election will be held in January, 2022. That Board will serve for one year. Then we will return to the two-year cycle of elections on odd years.

The motion passed. The current slate of officers were elected for one more year. The slate is: President, Johnny Tolbert; First Vice President, Dianne Greenhouse; Second Vice President, Jo Ann Bollen; Secretary, Paula Durrant; Treasurer, Yolanda Brown, Member at large, Deborah Dunaway, and Member at large, Beverly Scott.

**PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT:** Our bylaws call for the election of officers in February of odd numbered years. The schedule for nominations and elections does not coincide with the Central Committee schedule. Therefore we are proposing to change our timeline so it works with Central Committee. We present the changes this month having emailed them to all members. We will vote next month.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS**

**EVERY TIME NOVEMBER APPEARS IT IS CHANGED TO OCTOBER**

**EVERY TIME DECEMBER APPEARS IT IS CHANGED TO NOVEMBER**

**EVERY TIME JANUARY APPEARS IT IS CHANGED TO DECEMBER**

EVERY TIME FEBRUARY APPEARS IT IS CHANGED TO JANUARY

EVERY TIME MARCH APPEARS IT IS CHANGED TO FEBRUARY

**1. CURRENT TEXT OF BYLAWS:**  
**SECTION III: ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

- A. The Nominating Committee will present the slate of nominees to the General Meeting in January. Only members in good standing may be nominated to hold office. Notice of February Elections must be announced via email, (or) regular mail [by special request] (and) posted on the DMB's web site thirty (30) days prior to the February General Member Meeting.
- B. The President will appoint members to the Nominating Committee at the November General Meeting of the DMB.
- C. The First Vice president is the chair of the nominating committee.
- D. The Nominating Committee will prepare a slate of officers. This slate is presented at the January General meeting.
- E. Nominations from the floor are welcome at both the January and February meetings.
- F. The February election will be by secret ballot unless there is a motion to elect the Nominating Committee slate by acclamation. A simple majority is required. A member must be present at the meeting to vote.
- G. Officers serve a two-year term that begins March 1<sup>st</sup> immediately following the February election. The election takes place in odd years.
- H. One office may be shared by 2 members if elected by the General Membership to do so. Each person elected to the shared office will have one vote at Board meetings.

**2. PROPOSED CHANGES:**

- A. The Nominating Committee will present the slate of nominees to the General Meeting in **NOVEMBER**. Only members in good standing may be nominated to hold office. Notice of **January** Elections must be announced via email, (or) regular mail [by special request] (and) posted on the DMB's web site thirty (30) days prior to the **JANUARY** General Member Meeting.
- B. The President will appoint members to the Nominating Committee at the **OCTOBER** General Meeting of the DMB.
- C. The First Vice president is the chair of the nominating committee.
- D. The Nominating Committee will prepare a slate of officers. This slate is presented at the **NOVEMBER** General meeting.
- E. Nominations from the floor are welcome at both the **NOVEMBER & DECEMBER** meetings.
- F. The **JANUARY** election will be by secret ballot unless there is a motion to elect the Nominating Committee slate by acclamation. A simple majority is required. A member must be present at the meeting to vote.
- G. Officers serve a two-year term that **begins FEBRUARY 1<sup>st</sup>** immediately following the **February**

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- H. One office may be shared by 2 members if elected by the General Membership to do so. Each person elected to the shared office will have one vote at Board meetings.

OUTREACH: Rich Mettling is working on ways to attract younger members. He is coordinating Crystal Wysong to begin something at CMC.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE: The CADEM delegate election process is underway. The deadline for filing to run is Dec 15. It is necessary for Democrats to request ballots for this election rather than attending a meeting. The deadline for that is January . It will be in our newsletter.

GENERAL DISCUSSION: Our meeting then turned over to everyone for general comments, ideas, goals and objectives. We want to begin now building a slate of candidates for local positions. We also spoke about local issues: the Joshua Tree abuse, the hungry & homeless, the frustration we all have with our Republican officials.

ADJOURN: Deborah Dunaway moved and Liz Neff seconded that we adjourn at 11:15 a.m. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paula P Durrant  
Club Secretary